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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BRAZILIAN VIEWS ON BOGOTA FOREIGN MINISTERS
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1. IN PRESENTING AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED REFTEL, MINISTER PAULO PADILHA VIDAL (INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS) STATED THAT PROPOSED BOGOTA MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD ALL THE EARMARKS OF ANOTHER "VINA DEL MAR." WHENEVER REPRESENTATIVES OF UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES GET TOGETHER, IT IS ONLY NATURAL TO ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL COME UP WITH UTOPIAN AND UNREALISTIC PROGRAMS. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL THEN BE PLACED IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO REJECT BLUE-SKY LATIN AMERICAN PROPOSALS WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE IRREDENTIST DEMANDS OF THE OTHER NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE. " YOU HAVE BEEN TRAPPED," HE SAID. IN ADDITION, THERE IS EVERY REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT THE QUITE PROFOUND DISAGREEMENTS EXISTING WITHIN THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING IN WASHINGTON WILL BE TRANSPOSED TO BOGOTA. AFTER ALL, THE TECHNICIANS INVOLVED WITH THE DETAILED TO BOGOTA TO BACK UP THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS. THIS, OF COURSE, REFERRED TO THE
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ECONOMIC CONTENT OF THE MEETING. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE--AND

ON A PURELY SPECULATIVE BASIS--HE WONDERED IF IT WOULD NOT BE NATURAL FOR THE QUESTION OF CUBA TO ARISE.

2. PADILHA VIDAL STATED THAT IF THERE WERE A GENERAL CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF THE MEETING, BRAZIL WOULD ATTEND AND WOULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HOWEVER, THE BRAZILIAN RESPONSE TO THE BASQUEZ CAR-RIZOSA INVITATION GAVE THE U.S. A PERFECT OUT TO POSTPONE THE MEETING UNTIL THE NEXT OASGA. BRAZIL FELT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A MEETING WAS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE. HOWEVER, IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE SECRETARY COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. IN VIEW OF THE UNKNOWN POSSES BY ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, THIS WAS NO LESS TRUE FOR EVEN THE LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS. POSTPONING THE CONFERENCE UNTIL APRIL WOULD PERMIT THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND LIMA TO PROCEED UNABATED AND AT LEAST THE POSITIONS TO BE DISCUSSED WOULD BE PROPERLY DEFINED.
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